

CSC321 Programming Assignment 3

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1 Part 1. Encoder-Decoder Models and Capacity

1. Since the neural network has to compress more of the necessary information into a fixed-length context vector, the architecture won't perform well for longer sequences. That way, the decoder has less information to use for translation generation.
2. The model works great only for a specific kind of words, for instance with 1 or 2 characters for the first letter vowel words or first letter consonant word. With 3 or more characters, translation is wrong. Words with consonant pairs like "tr" work well except for some specific cases of length like "truth". Consonant pairs of "sh" do not get translated well even for short length like "shy".

Examples:

i -> iway

is -> isway

she -> ethay

a -> away

no -> oway

hello -> erlehay

happy -> apalcay

easy -> eayyway

2 Part 2. Teacher-Forcing

1. The model could be over-fit for the given training data. During the training time the model could receive different inputs from the test time, since while training, the model uses previous output as an input. Therefore, the performance could be damaged. Sequence of previously generated samples diverges from sequence seen during training.

2. Diminish the gap between inputs seen during training time and test time through randomly using generator output or ground truth from the previous step as input for the current time step.

3 Part 5. Attention Visualizations

The model does only work well for words with a common structure. If a words has a weird structre like "sssssss" it doesn't work since there are not enough training examples for the cases, so it predicts it to something seen before

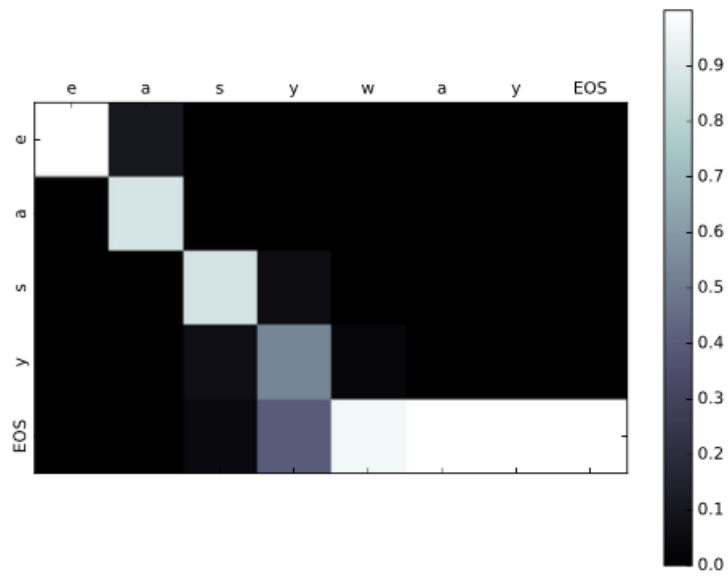


Figure 1: working: easy - easyway

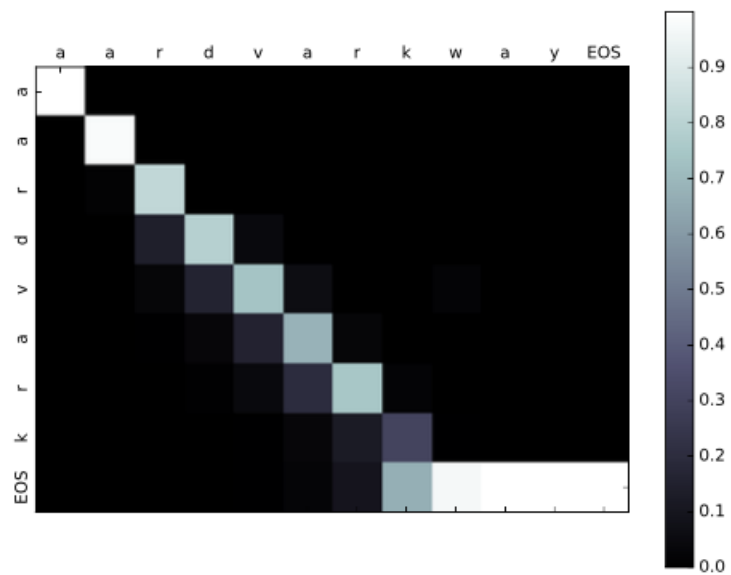


Figure 2: working: aardvark - aardvarkway

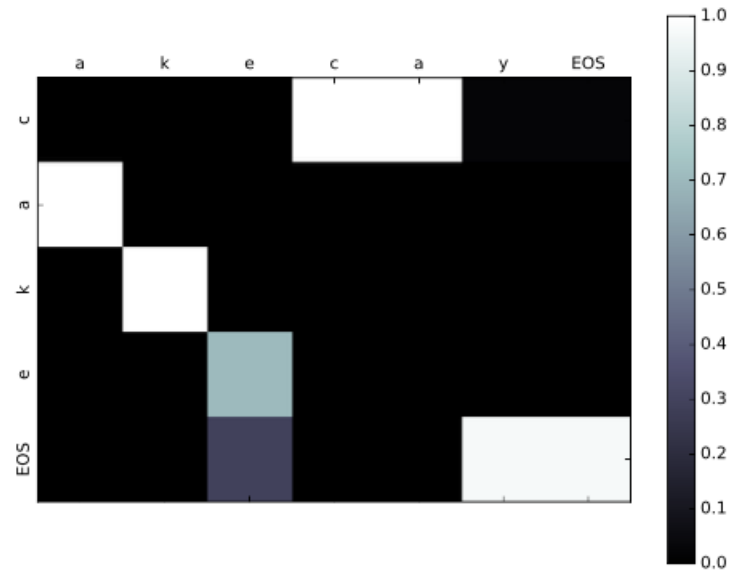
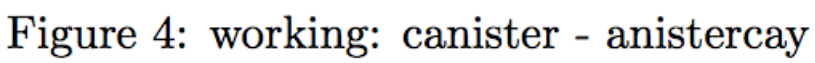


Figure 3: working: cake - akecay



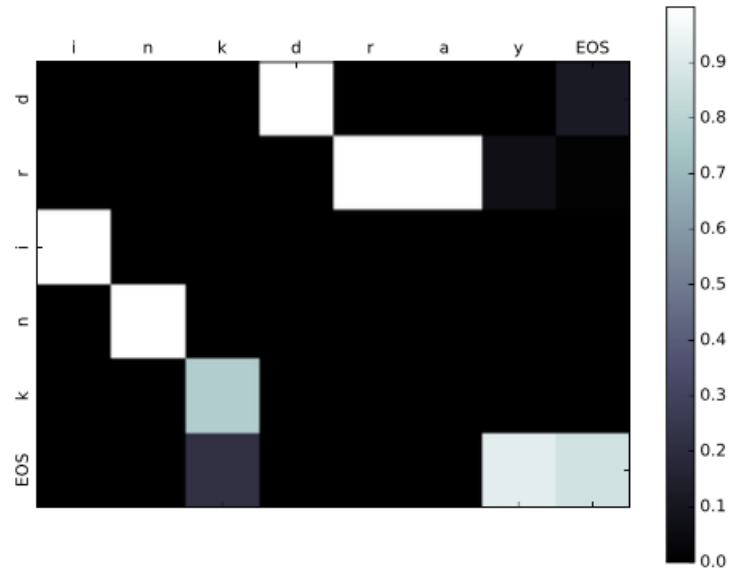


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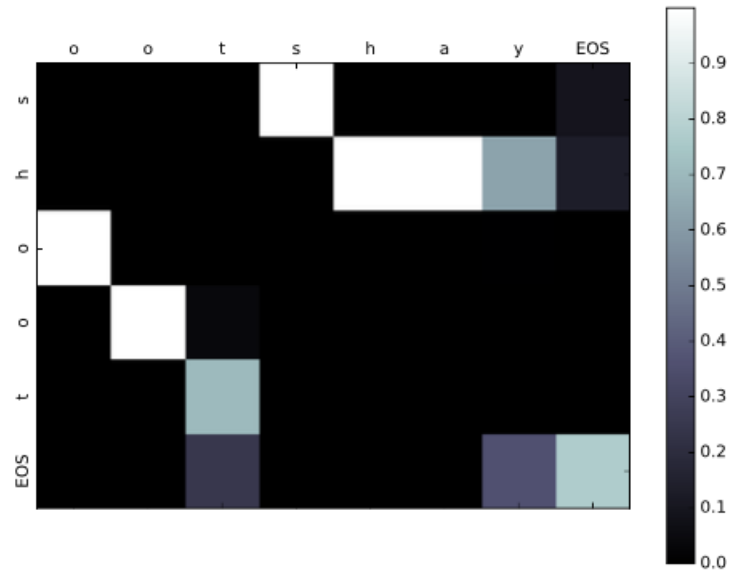


Figure 6: working: shoot - ootshay

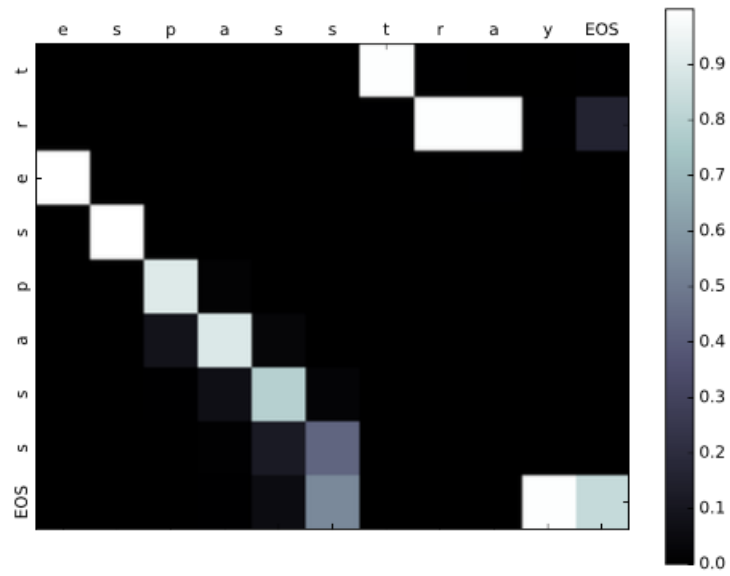


Figure 7: working: trespass - espasstray

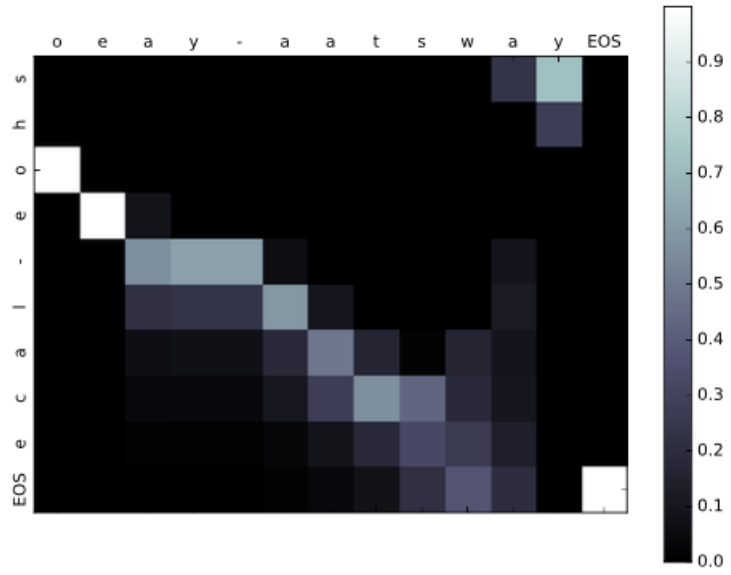


Figure 8: NOT working: shoe-lace - oey-aatsway

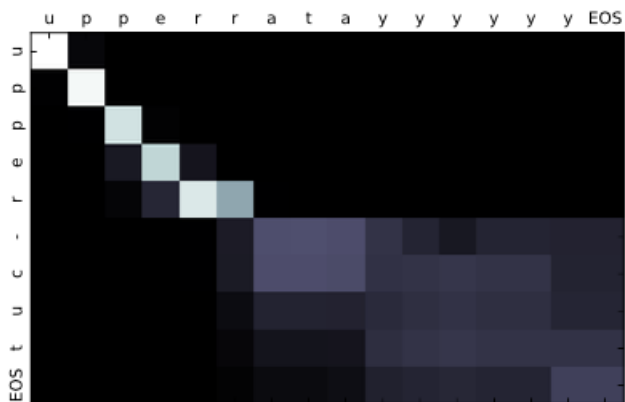


Figure 9: NOT working: upper-cut - upperratayyyyyy

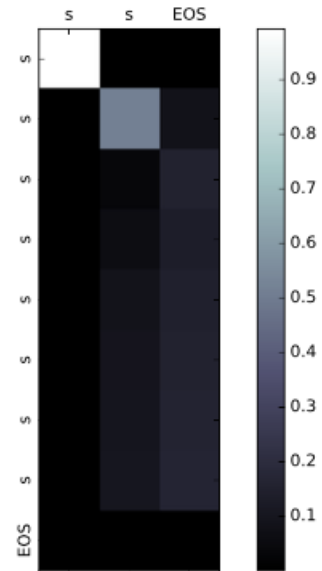


Figure 10: NOT working: ssssssss - ss

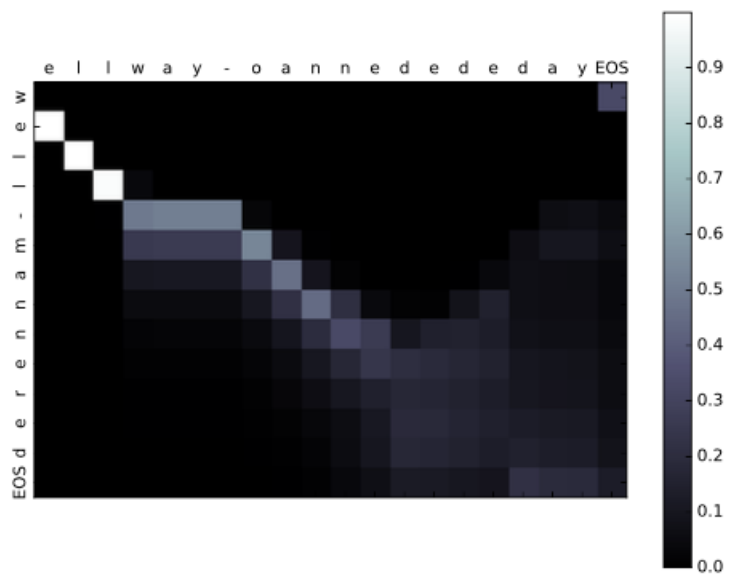


Figure 11: NOT working: well-mannered - ellway-oannede